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Attn: Kristy D Clark
BNSF Railway
PO Box 961039
Fort Worth TX 76161

Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No.473X) BNSF Railway Company-Abandonment Exemption
in Rolette and Towner Counties, North Dakota

Dear Kristy,

Rolette County Board of Commissioners have reviewed options available for 17.75 miles of rail line located in Rolette and Towner Counties, North Dakota, which BNSF seeks to abandon.

The Board of Commissioners is opposed to the abandonment of this rail line. It is our understanding that Northern Plains Rail is interested in purchasing the line for their use. We hope that BNSF is receptive to the sale of the line or other options available for the line, prior to proceeding with the abandonment process.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the board at the above address.

Sincerely,

Valerie McCloud

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cc. ND Public Service Commission
Surface Transportation Board